

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(IN FORMAT COMPLIANT WITH THE REVISED 37 CFR 1.121)

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system for managing projects, comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;

b. means for associating a plurality of individuals
5 listed in a first database with said project;

c. means for determining a deadline for completing a task associated with said project;

d. means for generating in a second database a first date prior to said deadline;

10 e. means for generating and electronically transmitting on said first date a first reminder to complete said task to a first individual of said individuals;

f. means for generating in said second database a second date that is before said deadline but after said first date;

15 g. means for generating and electronically transmitting to said first individual on said second date a second reminder to complete said task;

h. means for generating in said second database a third date that is before said deadline but after said second date,
20 wherein the number of days between said first date and said second date is greater than the number of days between said second date and said third date; and

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i. means for generating and electronically transmitting to said first individual on said third date a third reminder to complete said task.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein said deadline is a last day to respond to an action by a governmental agency without an extension.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 2, wherein said action comprises an office action issued by a patent examiner.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein said deadline is for filing a patent application.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, wherein said second reminder is also electronically transmitted to a second individual of said individuals who was not sent said first reminder.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 5, wherein said third reminder is also electronically transmitted to a third individual of said individuals who was not sent said second reminder.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 5, wherein said second individual is a supervisor of said first individual.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects, comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;
b. means for associating a plurality of individuals
5 with said project;

c. means for determining a date;

d. means for generating and electronically transmitting to a first individual of said individuals, prior to said date, a first reminder to complete a task associated with the project; and

10 e. means for generating and electronically transmitting to said first individual and a second individual of said individuals, to whom the first reminder was not transmitted, a second reminder to complete the task, wherein said second individual is a supervisor of said first individual within a same company.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 8, wherein said date is the last day to respond to a United States Patent and Trademark Office office action without an extension.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 8, wherein said date is a deadline for filing a patent application.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 8,
further comprising means for generating and electronically
transmitting to said first individual, said second individual, and
a third individual of said individuals, to whom neither the first
5 reminder or second reminder was sent, a third reminder to compete
the task.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects,
comprising:

- a. means for inputting data concerning a project;
- b. means for associating a plurality of individuals
5 listed in a first database with responsibility for said project;
- c. means for inputting a completion of a first task
associated with said project in a second database; and
- d. means for generating and electronically
transmitting, responsive to the completion of said first task, an
10 instruction to complete a second task to a first individual of said
individuals.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects,
comprising:

- a. means for inputting data concerning a project;
- b. means for associating a plurality of individuals
5 with said project;

c. means for generating and electronically transmitting a plurality of first reminders to complete a task associated with said project to a first individual of said individuals; and

10 d. means for generating and electronically transmitting a second reminder to a second individual of said individuals that said task requires completion, wherein said second reminder to said second individual is generated and transmitted after a predetermined number of said first reminders have been transmitted to said first individual concerning said task, wherein said
15 predetermined number is at least two.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 13, wherein said second individual is a supervisor of said first individual.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects, comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;
b. means for associating a plurality of individuals
5 with said project;
c. means for determining a date;
d. means for automatically generating and electronically transmitting by a first mode to a first individual of said individuals, prior to said date, a first reminder to
10 complete a task associated with the project; and

e. means for automatically generating and electronically transmitting by a second mode to said first individual a second reminder to compete the task associated with the project on said date, wherein said second reminder is not a repeat of said first reminder.

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16. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 15, wherein said first mode is e-mail and said second mode is voice mail.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 12, wherein said data concerning said project is stored in a third database.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 8, wherein (i) said individuals are listed in a first database, ~~and~~ (ii) said means for determining said date uses information stored in a second database and (iii) said data concerning said project is stored in a third database.

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19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 13, wherein (i) said individuals are listed in a first database, ~~and~~ (ii) a date to start sending said first reminders is determined from information stored in a second database and (iii) said data concerning said project is stored in a ~~second~~ third database.

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20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 15, herein (i) said individuals are listed in a first database, and (ii) said means for determining said date uses information stored in a second database and (iii) said data concerning said project is stored in a third database.